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**Subject: CCWD is an In-Delta Water User**

Dear Mr. Snow:

During the District's review of the recent modeling results of the CALFED alternatives, we note that diversions at the Contra Costa Water District's ("District") intakes have been erroneously labeled as "Export" (see, for example, the meeting package for the November 4-5, 1997 BDAC meeting, Section 2 of Distinguishing Characteristics, Export Water Quality). The District serves raw and treated water to around 400,000 customers. The entire District service area is within the "statutory Delta" defined in Water Code Sec. 12220 or within the area immediately adjacent to the Delta. As such, the District is an in-Delta user, not an exporter. Further, the diversions of the District are not included in the export/inflow ratio limitation in the 1995 WQCP.

The District respectfully requests that in future the District be identified as an in-Delta M&I water user in CALFED documents, and that there continue to be a separate and distinct identification of impacts on the District as opposed to those on Delta exporters in CALFED documents.

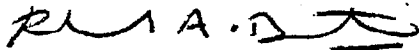
CALFED documents have correctly treated Contra Costa Water District's intake as separate and distinct from those of the State Water Project at Clifton Court Forebay and the Central Valley Project at the Tracy Pumping Plant. There are times when seawater intrusion causes Rock Slough chlorides to rise to levels considerably higher than those at either of the export pumps at Clifton Court or Tracy. On the other hand, there are periods when flows from the San Joaquin River or local drainage cause the salinity at the export pumps to be much higher than at the District's Rock Slough intake. New Delta facilities, such as the South Delta agricultural barriers proposed by the California Department of Water Resources in the Interim South Delta Program, can cause greater salinity impacts at Rock Slough than at the export pumps. Similarly, the isolated facilities being considered by CALFED could significantly increase salinities in the Delta, impacting the District's Rock Slough and Old River south of Highway 4 intakes.

These important differences between the impacts on the District diversions and the export water users should be recognized by continuing to treat Contra Costa Water District's intakes as separate and distinct from the export pumps.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 688-8187.

Sincerely,



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